OMC	No. of ROs allotted during March, 2004 to November, 2005		No. of ROs proposed to be allotted during December, 2005.	
	In the country as a whole	In the State of Himachal Pradesh	In the country as a whole	In the State of Himachal Pradesh
IOC	3,601	74	159	0
HPC	2,021	22	357	4
BPC	1,542	34	80	0
IBP	635	21	0	0
Total	7,799	151	596	4

LNG Terminals

2242. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LNG terminals which are operating in the country;

(b) how many are in offing; and

(c) what is the status of Ratnagiri (Maharashtra) terminal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) At present, there are two LNG terminals in the country. M/s Petronet LNG Limited (PLL), a joint venture company promoted by IOC, BPCL, GAIL & ONGC have commissioned a 5 MMTPA (million metric tonne per annum) LNG terminal at Dahej, Gujarat in April, 2004. M/s. Shell have commissioned a 2.5 MMTPA LNG terminal at Hazira, Gujarat in April, 2005.

(b) Ratnagiri LNG terminal in Maharashtra is likely to be commissioned in 2006. PLL have also initiated action for setting up an LNG terminal at Kochi, Kerala, which is likely to be commissioned in the last quarter of the year 2009. IOC and ONGC are planning LNG terminals at Ennore, Tamil Nadu and Mangalore, Karnataka respectively.

(c) Ratnagiri LNG terminal is about 75% complete. The terminal is tentatively scheduled for commissioning in 2006.

Decline in exploration of oil by ONGC

†2243. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the places where exploration of oil is being done by ONGC in the country;

(b) the details of the progress made during the last three years;

(c) the names of private companies and dates from which they were with the work of exploring oil and the extent of success achieved by them;

(d) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the exploration of oil by ONGC; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) ONGC is carrying out exploration for hydrocarbons in its acrease in onland areas in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and in offshore areas off the east and west coast of India including the Andaman sea.

During the last three years (2002-05) ONGC had acquired as on 1.10.2005, 44862 GLK/LK of 2 D and 53975 sq. km of 3D seismic data and has drilled 432 exploratory wells against the X plan (2002-07) target of acquisition of 35286 GLK/LK of 2D, 34834 sq. km of 3D seismic data and drilling of 561 exploratory wells, both in onland and offshore areas. Due to its exploratory efforts ONGC has made 16 hydrocarbon finds which include ten oil/oil and gas finds and six gas finds.

(c) Details of exploration efforts made by Pvt. Companies/JVs (Joint venture) currently operating in the PSC regime are as under:—

Name of the Com Company	Date from which exploration initiated/ effective PEL date	Exploratory efforts			No of Oil/gas discovery
		2D API LKM	3D API sq. km.	Wells	
RIL	6.6.2000	45299	34011	33	19
Cairn Energy India Ltd.	15.5.1995	15099	2552	91	20
GSPCL	12.4.2000	0	1611	11	3

Name of the Com. Company	Date from which exploration initiated/ effective PEL date	Exploratory efforts			No of Oil/gas discovery
		2D API LKM	3D API sq. Km.	Wells	
Essar Oil Ltd.	16.7.1998	962	35	4	1
Niko Resources Ltd.	23.9.1994	113	641	19	2
Premier Oil	30.6.1998	351	0	1	0
Canoro Resoruces Ltd.	19.2.1999	157	0	1	0
Gazprom	30.10.2000	2108	530	0	0
Enpro Finance	7.4.2004	2227	278	—	0
HOEC	12.4.2000	201	171	3	—
Jubilant Enpro	4.2.2003	0	50	0	—

(d) ONGC is implementing its X-Plan exploration programme in its acreages and as such there is no decline in activities.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

Provision of PNG

2244. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided PNG connections for domestic use in Sector 12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether the meters for the connection have been installed inside the house in multi-storeyed houses and outside the single-storeyed houses;

(c) if so, whether it was according to the plan and if not, the reasons for following different parameters in installing meters;